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Public Health

Disposal of S. No. 126 of Derebail village in Mangalore taluk reserved for communal purposes.

* 121 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether Government have received a memorial from the residents of Derebail, Bolur, Kodialbail and Kadri villages in Mangalore taluk regarding the disposal of old Survey No. 25 (present S. No. 126) of Derebail village which was reserved for communal purposes, viz., grazing, manure leaves and fuel and what orders have been passed thereon?

A.—A memorial was received in May last from certain residents of Kavur, Bijai and Kadri villages of the Mangalore taluk protesting against the disposal of land called Haripadavu (S. Nos. 129 and 170–1) of Derebail village for use as a municipal trenching ground. This memorial has been referred to the Chairman, Municipal Council, and the Collector for remarks. No other memorial has been received.

Distribution of the allotment of Rs. 4 lakhs for temperance propaganda.

* 122 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state— 11-30 a.m.

(*a*) what steps he has taken to distribute the allotment of Rs. 4 lakhs for temperance propaganda;

(*b*) the names of the persons and of the associations to whom the money has been or is proposed to be distributed;

(*c*) the amounts to be given to each person or association; and

(*d*) what steps, if any, he has taken or proposes to take to prevent this money being used for electioneering purposes by individuals or associations?

A.—(*a*) to (*c*) A copy of G.O. No. 1597, P.H., dated the 26th June 1929, is laid on the table.[a] Steps are being taken to give effect to the scheme sanctioned in the Government Order.

(*d*) There is no apprehension that the funds will be diverted to purposes not connected with the scheme and no steps have been found necessary.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"May I know what is the definite object of the Government in this propaganda, whether it is to bring about prohibition or temperance?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"The Government order is laid on the table."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"The Government Order is ambiguous. I am asking whether the object of the Government is to bring about prohibition or only to bring about temperance?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"If the hon. Member will kindly tell me which portion of the Government Order is ambiguous I shall explain as much as I can."

Mr. F. E. JAMES:—"May I know whether any funds have been disbursed till now?"

The hon. Mr S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"No, Sir."

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[a] Printed as Appendix VII on pages 336–342 infra.